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## RBWM Local Access Forum

Hi, Mike and I attended the meeting of the RBWM Local Access Forum last night. It was reported that the LAF has now been going for ten years.

There were two talks, the first by Lynne Penn on Disabled Access in the Countryside. RBWM have installed a number of kissing gates where users in wheel chairs can open them fully with the standard Radar key to get wheel chairs through. It was reported that there were a number of problems with the installations so some of the gates could not be opened sufficiently to allow a wheel chair through.

The second was a powerpoint presentation by Anne English on the Berkshire Local Nature Partnership, they are holding a conference "A Shared View of Biodiversity" in Reading on 28th September 9 to 4:30 cost £10 per person see

<http://www.berkshirelnp.org/index.php/what-else-is-happening/events-calendar/icalrepeat.detail/2013/09/28/1/-/berkshire-local-nature-partnership-conference>

Andrew Fletcher, the LAF Secretary, reported that they are planning to the Council's contact number and 24-hour trouble shooting number on way mark signs. He said that their web site had been much praised.

One of the members wanted information to be made available as to which rights of way are suitable for buggies. Andrew Fletcher said that he would like to have information on the web about each right of way, possibly having a QR code sticker at the end of each right of way so such information could be accessed from a smart phone, but all this was resource dependant.

The LAF is setting up a LAF discussion forum so that they can consider and respond to events between meetings, this would be done by e-mails between the discussion forum members.

The Bracknell LCAF might consider identifying which of our paths, if kissing gates that could be opened with a Radar key were installed, could be suitable for wheel chair use. One that comes to mind is Crowthorne FP8, the gates could be paid for by the Broadmoor Hospital developers.

Regards, Richard Mosses.